

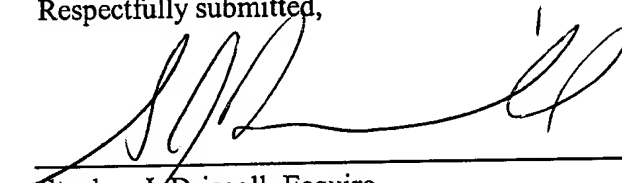
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**Remarks**

The Applicants have deleted the subject matter of Claim 2 and labeled Figures 1 through 3 as replacement sheets in accordance with the Examiner's request. Applicants therefore submit that the amendment is now proper and the Notice of Non-Compliance is now obviated.

In light of the above, an early and favorable response is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SJD', is written over a horizontal line.

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